

FROM TREXLER ETAL.

(WED) 9.14'05 14:53/ST. 14:53/NO. 4860347441 P. 1

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

COUNSELORS AT LAW

THE CLARK ADAMS BUILDING
105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 3600
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603-6299
(312) 704-1890

RICHARD R. TREXLER (1906-1995)
RICHARD BUSHNELL (1926-2004)
RICHARD A. GIANGIORGI
RAIFORD A. BLACKSTONE, JR.
DAVID J. MARR
LINDA L. PALOMAR
JAMES R. HOLEY
ROBERT J. DEPKE
JAMES A. O'MALLEY
TIMOTHY M. MCCARTHY
PAIGE A. KITZINGER

LEWIS T. STEADMAN, SR.
OF COUNSEL

FOUNDED 1890

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT
AND RELATED MATTERS: ALL PHASES
INCLUDING LICENSING AND LITIGATION

FAX: (312) 704-8023
www.trexlaw.com

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 14 2005

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TOTAL PAGES (Including Cover Page) 7 DATE: September 14, 2005

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
TO: Attn: Examiner Gerald B. Klebe FROM: Paige A. Kitzinger, Reg. No. 45,219

FAX NO: (571) 273-8300 FAX NO: (312) 704-8023

If you experience any difficulty with this transmission, please call (312) 704-1890 for assistance.

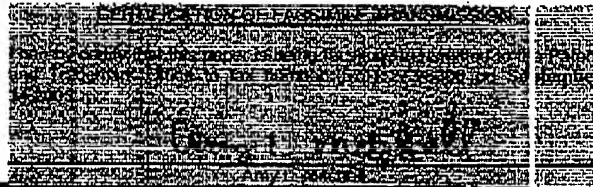
ORIGINAL COPY AND ENCLOSURES
___ WILL BE SENT BY ___ MAIL ___ COURIER
✓ WILL NOT BE SENT

RECEIVED
OIPE/IAP

SEP 15 2005

NOTES:

Inventor: Dean A. Cervenka
For: TAILGATE STEP
Art Unit: 3618
Serial No.: 10/820,678
Filed: April 8, 2004
Attorney Ref.: 1816/40915/Case 2



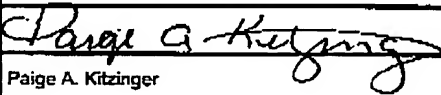
IMPORTANT NOTICE

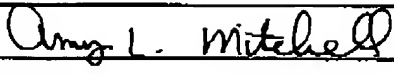
This transmission (including all attached pages) is intended only for the use of the named addressee(s), and may contain information that is privileged or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. **IF YOU ARE NOT A NAMED ADDRESSEE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY USE, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** If you have received this transmission in error, please destroy all copies and notify us immediately at this telephone number: (312) 704-1890.

PTO/38/21 (09-01)
Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OI IB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/820,678	
	Filing Date	April 8, 2004	
	First Named Inventor	Dean A. Cervonka	
	Art Unit	3618	
	Examiner Name	Gerald B. Klebe	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	6	Attorney Docket Number	1016/40916/Case 2

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interference s <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm Name	Trexler, Bushnell, Gianglori, Blackstone & Marr, Ltd.	
Signature		
Printed name	Paige A. Kitzinger	
Date	Reg. No.	45,219

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:		
Signature		
Typed or printed name	Amy L. Mitchell	Date
		September 16, 2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/IB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB or PTO number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM	Application Number	10/820,678	
	Filing Date	April 8, 2004	
	First Named Inventor	Dean A. Cervenka	
	Art Unit	3618	
	Examiner Name	Gerald B. Klebe	
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Attorney Docket Number	1816/40915/Case 2
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		6	

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD. Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interference <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm Name	Trexler, Bushnell, Glangiorgi, Blackstone & Marr, Ltd.	
Signature	<i>Paige A. Kitzinger</i>	
Printed name	Paige A. Kitzinger	
Date	Reg. No.	45,219

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22311-1450 on the date shown below:		
Signature	<i>Amy L. Mitchell</i>	
Typed or printed name	Amy L. Mitchell	Date
		September 14, 2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

COPY